CANCER PATIENTS & MENTAL HEALTH CARE

A cancer diagnosis is life changing. It can cause psychological and emotional stress for patients and their families.

1 out of every 3

hospitalized cancer patients develops a mental health condition.





Up to 24% of people with cancer are also diagnosed with depression. Certain symptoms could stem from cancer, cancer treatment or an untreated mental health condition:









Overwhelmed by battling both cancer and a mental health condition, patients may:



EXERCISE LESS



DRINK TOO Much Alcohol



MISS DOCTOR'S Appointments



SKIP Medication



Access barriers may exacerbate these symptoms and complicate care.



Alliance for Patient Access Mental health treatment can be an important part of patient-centered cancer care.